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## Grads To Hear Academic Affairs Vice-President

U-T Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jack K. Williams will speak at the June 7 commencement ceremonies.

UT CHANCELLOR, Archie R. Dykes, will preside over the 2:00 p.m. ceremonies and also announce the recipients of the \$500 outstanding teacher award and two Paul and Martha Meek leadership awards.

Dr. Williams served two years as Texas' commissioner of higher education before coming to UT. Previously he served as vice president, dean of the university and dean of the graduate school, and as instructor at Clemson University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies.

UT PRESIDENT Dr. Andrew D. Holt will confer the baccalaureate degree on 334 graduating seniors and the master of science degree with a major in education on four candidates.



Dr. Jack K. Williams

Thirteen graduating seniors who have completed four years of ROTC training will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the United States Armed Forces. Col. George L. Freeman, head of the Military Science Department, will administer the oath.



**MEASURE FOR MEASURE—** Mr. "Mac" shows Marianna Lancaster an oak tree he planted from a seedling when he first came here. Because of extra care and special fertilization, the tree has achieved 40 years growth in a period of 25 years. (See story on page three.)

## Coeds Helm Co-editorships

Miss Dianne Craft, a junior from Memphis majoring in secondary education, and Miss Barbara Stockdale, a junior from Paris majoring in Journalism, have been appointed co-editors of the VOLETTE.

THEY REPLACE Miss Marcia McDonald and Miss Barbara Whitaker, both juniors who are transferring to Knoxville to obtain degrees in Journalism.

Both Miss McDonald and Miss Whitaker served as co-editors during the '68-69 school year. After graduation, Miss Whitaker plans a public relations career. Miss McDonald hopes to enter the advertising field.

MISS CRAFT began working

on the newspaper last spring as a reporter and was appointed feature editor in the fall. In high school she was co-editor of the yearbook.

Miss Stockdale has served as a reporter and feature editor. She also worked on her high school yearbook.

"I REALIZE the job of co-editor of a university newspaper is a tremendous responsibility that can often prove hectic as well as rewarding. Barbara and I hope to work together with our staff to maintain the high standards the VOLETTE has established this year under Marcia and Barbara," Miss Craft said.

## Curriculum Changes Upgrade University

by Barbara Stockdale

Several curriculum changes and 89 new courses will be available beginning next fall, according to Dean of Instruction Norman Campbell.

FIVE EDUCATION courses, three art education courses, five educational psychology courses, and six graduate courses in home economics education have been added.

A new sequence of five courses in home economics was approved.

THE ENGLISH department has added four courses and a minor in journalism.

Four nine hour sequences in upper division history and two nine hour sequences in upper division political science will be available.

A NINE HOUR upper division analysis sequence and two courses in computer programming were approved.

The foreign language department will offer upper division German sequence and six upper division courses in both French and Spanish.

PLANS ARE BEING made to teach freshman level French on an individual basis.

In physical sciences a new course in chemical calculations was approved.

THE SOCIAL Science department will offer 15 new courses in sociology and four new courses in psychology.

A new curriculum in reli-

gious studies was approved with sufficient courses for a minor.

THE MUSIC EDUCATION curriculum was revised to allow for a more diversified program with greater opportunities for specialization.

A study of the biology department led to the replacement of Botany and Zoology 1110-20-30 with a Biology sequence. Several courses were changed to a Biology caption and can be used for a major in either Botany or Zoology. Several new courses were approved which are designed to be taught at the Reelfoot Biological Station.

MATHEMATICS WAS moved to the School of Liberal Arts and established as a department.

For the first time majors will be available in sociology, psychology, mathematics, French, Spanish, and geography.



**LOOKING FOR MORE 'SCOOPS'—** Co-editors of this newspaper for the coming year, Barbara Stockdale (L.) and Dianne Craft, plan to dig with depth into campus news during their editorial reign.

## Bible Scholars Predict World's End Nearing

by Chuck Lares

"We are witnessing, in this twentieth century, the collapse of civilization. It is obvious that we are advancing toward the end of the world." Similar statements like this one by the distinguished Bible authority, Dr. Lehman Strauss in God's

Plan for the Future, are coming from noted Bible scholars throughout the world.

MANY OF THESE Biblical scholars, including the Reverend Billy Graham, are suggesting that the end of the world

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**YEARBOOK LEADERS —** Rusty Farrell, a junior from Nashville, has been chosen by the publications committee to be editor

of the 1970 yearbook, The Spirit. Named as associate editors were Margie Brien (L.) of Memphis, and Julie Dickey of Jackson.



## EDITORIALS

Review Of Year Signifies  
Workable Changes Made

Students can't decide between melancholy and glee. The packing has begun and many last goodbyes are being said. The spirit of summer is on campus with all its glory and shine.

A QUICK OVER-THE-shoulder peek at the closing year reveals a college of events. But this glimpse does not show the machinery and workings involved in the finished products of progress. For instance, the newly-enacted women's dormitory rules regarding visiting in men's apartments and trailers were not a fly-by-night - no pun intended - venture.

The Associations of Women's Residence Halls put many hours into soliciting coed attitudes and then laboring over suggestions to make to the Dean of Students. The change in school policy was a needed one for the tempo of the times.

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS have passed many students who accepted the changes and were glad for them but not too interested in how or why they were made. Library hours were ridiculous until the Senate took action to extend and create badly-needed hours. This representative body initiated policy-making committees with student members on each group.

More changes could be mentioned. But the result is the same. This university is the fastest growing Tennessee school. Yet, it has maintained an even keel. The reason is more complex than just saying that the administration and students work together to solve campus problems. But that is the essence of the enigma surrounding the success.

Nation Overlooks Navy  
Amid Security Hassle

Today, amidst extensive debate over increased defense expenditures for such projects as the ABM, it seems the powers that be have been blinded to another equally important defense mechanism -- the state of the United States Navy.

OUR FLEET IS currently being challenged as the number one fleet of the world by Russia. Naval authorities predict that unless our fleet is updated with more nuclear-powered ships within the near future, the Soviet Union will take over supremacy of the seas.

Control of the seas is one of the most important aspects of national security. Without it World Wars I and II would have been lost. Even in today's space age, 99% of the world's trade is still by ships.

RIGHT NOW THE US fleet is an old one. Most of the ships date back twenty years or more. Currently we have only four nuclear-powered surface ships including the USS Enterprise, the USS Bainbridge, the USS Long Beach and the USS Truxan. Only two other aircraft carriers are being built now, one due in 1972 and the other due a few years later.

The war record of the Enterprise is the best argument for



an all nuclear-powered fleet. The Enterprise has played an important role in the air strikes over Vietnam. It can stay on station almost indefinitely and is always available in an emergency. During the Pueblo crisis last year, the Enterprise was sent immediately to Korea. No other ship could have arrived there that fast.

HOWEVER, FOR a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to be effective, its supporting ships must also be nuclear-powered. The carrier can go only as fast as her cruisers and destroyers.

For this reason the United States needs to act now. It takes three years to build an aircraft carrier and another year and a half to outfit one. Unless this country institutes a program soon to update and rehabilitate the state of its Navy, it may be forced to assume a second berth in the battle for maritime supremacy.

Work, Common Sense  
Solve Social Problems

by Robert Barrett

Through the pages of history, mankind has steadily progressed from the dreary days of endless toil and short life span to the present times of great prosperity and much longer life. No one can deny that we have come a long way from the caves, yet no one can say we have come far enough.

OUR SOCIETY IS still far from perfect. We still have poverty; we still have corruption; we still have wars. Everyone knows that we have these problems and more, but everyone does not agree on how to solve them.

Basically, it is this disagreement as to methods of solution that has caused the current conflicts on our campuses. It seems that intelligent men can no longer discuss these remedies to our social ills without hate, obscenities, and bloodletting.

THE UNIVERSITIES are torn between two rival factions, the New Left and the Conservatives, with a vast number of undecided moderates in the middle. It may be true that in the end, the moderates will decide the battle.

The New Left, spear-headed by the militant Students for a Democratic Society, wishes to tear down the existing structures of government and economy after the universities have been rendered helpless.

THEY HOLD THAT the "Military-Industrial Complex" - a term coined by the late Dwight D. Eisenhower - must be destroyed before "we the people" can be "liberated" and our social problems solved. However, the SDS has neglected to mention

what it intends to build in place of our present system.

After weeks of thumbing through newspapers and magazines, I have found that most SDS leaders are inclined to preach the dreams of Marx and say their prayers to Lenin. By this, I assume they intend to build a sparkling new socialistic economy and perhaps another democratic government for the "oppressed masses"?

NO! ANY INTELLIGENT person - and most SDS people are intelligent - knows that it would take nothing short of a strong-armed dictatorship to prevent the enterprising people of America from practicing Capitalism.

The New Left is a minority. The majority of American citizens and students do not want to play their game. It is only by violence and anarchy that they can be heard and feared by the public. The Students for a Democratic Society are not the least bit democratic.

MOST ECONOMISTS ARGUE that economic progress occurs when businessmen engage in competition. Our standard of living was brought about by people trying to keep up with and get ahead of the "Joneses." Like it or not, we are where we are because of selfishness.

This selfishness is the bone of contention. But, take away man's incentive to surpass his fellowman, and economic - and Human - progress will slow to a snail's pace.

OF COURSE, AT present there is an ugly contrast of rich and poor, of the privileged and underprivileged, but under total socialism everyone would soon be poor.

Parade  
Of  
Opinion

May 27, 1969

Dear Students:

I want to use this means to thank the students on this campus for helping make the year now ending one of the most successful years in the recent history of this campus.

THE 1968-69 ACADEMIC year has been a year of continued progress, and much of the credit for the year's accomplishments must be given the student body generally and student leadership specifically.

I want especially to express appreciation for the pride which so many students have manifested in the campus during the year. This has been a source of encouragement to all of us and has brought significant recognition to our student body. APPRECIATE UTM WEEK, initiated and sponsored by students, was one of the highlights of the year.

MANY FEEL THAT UTM stands now at the threshold of a period of progress which will move this campus to the front rank of Tennessee institutions of higher learning. As we move toward this goal, we solicit your continued interest and support.


Best wishes in your final examinations and during the summer months ahead.

Sincerely,

Archie R. Dykes  
Chancellor

Instead of changing the rules of the game, I contend that we - the responsible citizens and leaders of the near future - can solve many of our social problems by common sense, sticking to the rules, and playing fair. Instead of just talking and griping, we can work toward improvement by showing some human kindness in our actions and attitudes.

IF WE FAIL, if we permit our society to decay, then we, I fear, will be up the proverbial creek without any visible means of propulsion.



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## Mr. Mac's Contributions Span 32 Years At UTM

by Mike Foster

While much of the campus shows symptoms of a transient "spring fever," activity reaches its peak at the University greenhouse.

THE LONG AWAITED return of spring sets the stage for another year of experimentation and record keeping of many varieties of vegetables and flowers grown at the Martin Experiment Station. And Professor John E. McMahan who has coordinated this program for the past 32 years continues tirelessly to appraise improved plant varieties for this state.

Mr. "Mac" came to UTM in the fall of 1937 from Pearl River College of Poplarville, Mississippi. There were 300 students here then and most of the male students were majoring in Agriculture.

FOR 27 YEARS, Mr. and Mrs. McMahan lived in a home where the library now stands. His office and classes were in the building adjoining the greenhouse, and at one time this was the most used classroom space on campus.

When he came here, most trees on campus were old and had only a short while longer to live. Mr. Mac developed a small nursery and used the young shrubs and trees to help replenish the aging trees. The tree pictured on page 1 was planted as a seedling by him in 1943. It edged the gravel road which once passed through the quad section.

MR. MAC received his B.S. Degree from Mississippi State and his M.S. from the University of Missouri. He headed the Ag department here until 1966 and helped lay out plans for parts of the Agriculture-Biology Building.

The oldest peach orchard in Tennessee was located on campus until its recent removal for further building expansion. It was part of an eight acre orchard established and maintained by Mr. Mac. He initiated the "no culture" system of keeping orchards in this area of the state, enabling the University to become well known for its peaches of high quality, beauty, and tastefulness.

FOR THE PAST two years,

he has been particularly interested in observing 25-31 varieties of chrysanthemums suitable for outdoor cultivation.

Even though Mr. Mac has maintained a busy schedule during the past 32 years, he has never been too busy to give advice to an inquiring student or provide freshly cut flowers for University offices and campus functions.

HE HAS observed an increase of 3,500 students since coming here, and has possibly taught more Ag students than any other faculty member in the UT system.

Involvement in horticultural, farm, soil, and various other societies has permitted him to take part in the advancement of Agriculture outside the classroom. Mr. Mac has been listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

IN VIEW OF the many changes made in agriculture and education over the past several decades, Mr. Mac feels that the overall recipe for success in any endeavor is the same as it was many years ago.

"It is still up to the individual, and the degree of success is measured by the amount of effort put forth by that individual," Mr. Mac explains.

THE CONTRIBUTION made by Mr. Mac to the University might best be described in the words of William James who said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

## Ag Club Chooses Carson President

The Ag Club met Monday night and elected next year's officers.

THEY ARE: President, Steve Carson; Vice-President, John Pettit; Secretary, Glenn Ellen Osteen; Treasurer, Tommy Sanders; Reporter, Ronnie Travers; Critic, Mike Foster; Student government Representative, Lee Sammons; and Sgt. At Arms, Clint Callicut.

## Faculty Members Advance In Rank

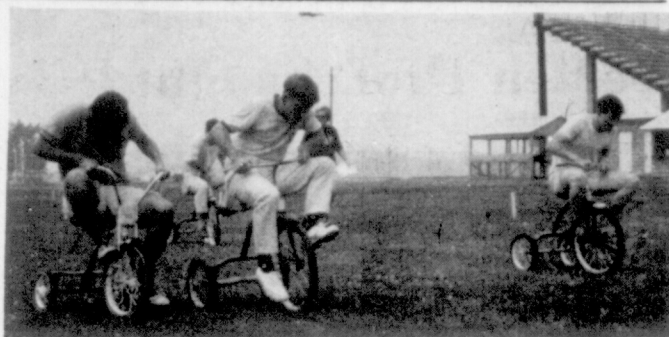
Seventeen faculty members have been advanced in rank, effective July 1, Dean of Instruction Norman Campbell announced Monday.

GIVEN THE RANK of associate professor are:

Dr. S.K. Airee, Physical Sciences; Bettye L. Gilles, Physical Education; Dr. Walter P. Gorman III, Business Administration; Dr. Laurie M. Grennan, Physical Sciences; Dr. Paul F. Hall, Education; Dr. Kenneth D. McCracken, Education; Dr. William F. Nelson, Biological Sciences; and Mildred Y. Payne, English.

ADVANCED TO assistant professor are:

Billy R. Austin, Mathematics; Martha Y. Battle, English; John J. Burnett, Business Administration; E.J. Eaton, Music; James E. Gagen, Physical Sciences; Sandra A. Gossum, Mathematics; John Matheson, Music; Carol S. Murphey, Agriculture; and Thel W. Taylor, Education.



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## Forme. Classmate of Dictator

Spanish Prof. Fought  
Against Castro Regime

by Bob Stack

"I was very, (How would you say?), unfortunate, because my classmate was Castro for five years," reflected Assistant Professor of modern foreign languages Edmundo Robaina, as he recalled his years at the University of Havana where he earned his doctorate of law in 1949. "I remember him very well."

"HE WAS NOT really a good student," Robaina continued. "He studied some things that he liked, enough to get by. But I think that he is intelligent. He never went to classes because he wanted to be president of the students. He was different. We (Castro's classmates) never thought he would become president of Cuba. He was a little gangster."

"I remember him being very sloppy and unshaven, like a (How do you call?) a hippie. His family was very rich, but he was not very popular. He never worked at anything."



Dr. Edmundo P. Robaina

WHEN THE REVOLUTION came (1959) DR. Robaina participated against Batista. He was captured three times, and three times his life was threatened. After the revolution, Robaina found several 'black' lists with his name near the top.

After the Revolution Cubans began to cooperate with the new (Castro) government. "If the Cuban people had known in 1959, what they know in 1969, Castro would not be in power," Robaina stated.

"VERY, VERY EARLY after the revolution I started to see that Castro was not building the type of government my people wanted. I started to make a counter-revolution. One day they took me and put me in jail. None of my family knew where I was. I was in jail for 12 days. An American firm, who was my client, got me a

visa, and I was out of the country in one hour."

"When I came to Miami in November, 1960, I had \$5.00 and could not speak a word of English," Robaina recalled of his first days in the United States. The Professor's wife and infant child joined him seven months later after the successful Cuban lawyer worked in a supermarket for \$1.20 an hour to bring his family stateside via Jamacia.

IN 1962, DR. ROBAINA moved to New Orleans. He entered Louisiana State University in 1963 and received his M.A. in Spanish Literature two years later. Dr. Robaina is currently working on a Ph.D. in Romance Languages at L.S.U., his second doctorate.

Dr. Robaina registered to participate in the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961; however, a cancelled flight to Guatemala foiled his hopes of once again attempting to free his homeland.

"I WANT TO very much see my homeland free; but, I want to become a citizen more. I hope to become a citizen this year," the professor continued. Robaina holds high praises for UTM.

"I THINK OF UTM as beautiful people, beautiful staff, and beautiful students. I left two years ago to go back to Louisiana, but I came back because I like to work here best of all."

When asked about campus demonstrations in the country, the lawyer-professor commented in his unique broken English:

"IN MY OPINION, this movement is not because the students want to have something better. This is a political movement. The Communists are behind all of this. I know how the Communists work. I know perfectly. The human being is easy to impress. A mass will follow a few. That is what happened to the people of Cuba."



EXCITED SIGS—The Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa admire their latest trophy for winning the ADPi Diamond Day events. The Sigs

also won intramural golf, softball, track, and were consequently awarded the IFC Intramural Trophy.

Dr. Robaina felt that our news media was "very wrong, because it only shows the bad." He cited an example of a demonstration at the U.N.: "Around 50 Communists made a demonstration at the U.N. and around 2,000 anti-Communists began to make another demonstration. On TV, you see only the Communist people not the other people."

THE EX-CUBAN feels that persons hijacking U.S. airliners to Cuba are, in reality, Cuban spies. "By taking a freedom flight and returning by a hijacked plane is good Communist propaganda."

Dr. Robaina's parents and two of his three sisters have come to America.

"THE OTHER SISTER and her family are trying to come. We send the money from Spain to make the trip to Spain. The Freedom flight is so indefinite. We want them here the fastest way because it is impossible to live in Cuba."

His father-in-law has also come to the United States. He holds a doctorate of philosophy in physics, chemistry, and engineering. Robaina's mother-in-law holds a Ph.D. in biology.

DURING DR. Robaina's legal career he often taught at night, "Not for the money, but because I like to teach."

Because of his own experience, the professor recommends that every student take another language.

"IF I WAS, (How do you say?) fluent in English, I might could practice law in this country. You never know where you will be or what you will do in the future. The more languages you know, the more opportunities you have."

In his spare time the professor likes to hunt and, "I am trying to learn to play golf, but I am not too good."

## ALPHA MAN OF THE YEAR



ALPHA MAN--Mike Young, a junior in Engineering from Jackson, was named AOPI Alpha Man of the Year at the sorority's annual Red Rose Ball. Young is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Rush Application  
Deadline Set

Any upperclass coed who wants to go through fall rush should write to Dean Pace's office during the early part of the summer and ask for a registration card.

THESE CARDS must be returned to Dean Pace by August 15. Rush will be September 18-22.

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Intramural  
Insights

by Jane Hodges

The winners and runners-up of the men's intramural trophies this year were:

Seniors—Mack Terry, 19 pts; George Gruggett, 12 pts; Juniors—Paul Vaughn, 23 pts; Bubba Carson, 22 pts; Sophomores—Frankie King, 18 pts; Steve Reed, 18 pts; Freshmen—Johnny Robinson, 24 pts; James McKelroy, 14 pts.

WINNERS IN THE mixed horseshoes tournament were Marilyn Brandenburg and Joe Bass. Runners-up in this tournament were Kay Wilson and Larry Carothers.

Barbara Moody received the medal for the highest batting average, .400, in the women's open softball tournament.

## Miniature Market

WANTED: A female roommate to help teacher share the expenses of an apartment in Memphis next fall. Contact Judith L. Anderson, 956 Clayton Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37204.

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Rooms for summer school students are for rent in Murphy Drive. For information contact 364-2194.

Aloha Oe Scheduled  
For Next Friday

The traditional Aloha Oe will be held for graduating seniors at the Fieldhouse Friday, June 6, at 8:00 p. m.

This ceremony in which seniors are installed as alumni will follow a banquet to be held in the Student Center at 5:30 p. m. Both parents and seniors are invited to this banquet.



SPIRIT BOOSTERS--Newly elected cheerleaders for 1969-70 are (l. to r.) kneeling: James Pruitt and Daryl Brandenburg. Standing are:

Bonnie Samuels, Barbara Moody, Marcia Hanna, Debbie Browning, Peggie Guthrie, Cheryl Snyder, and Mae Cheek.

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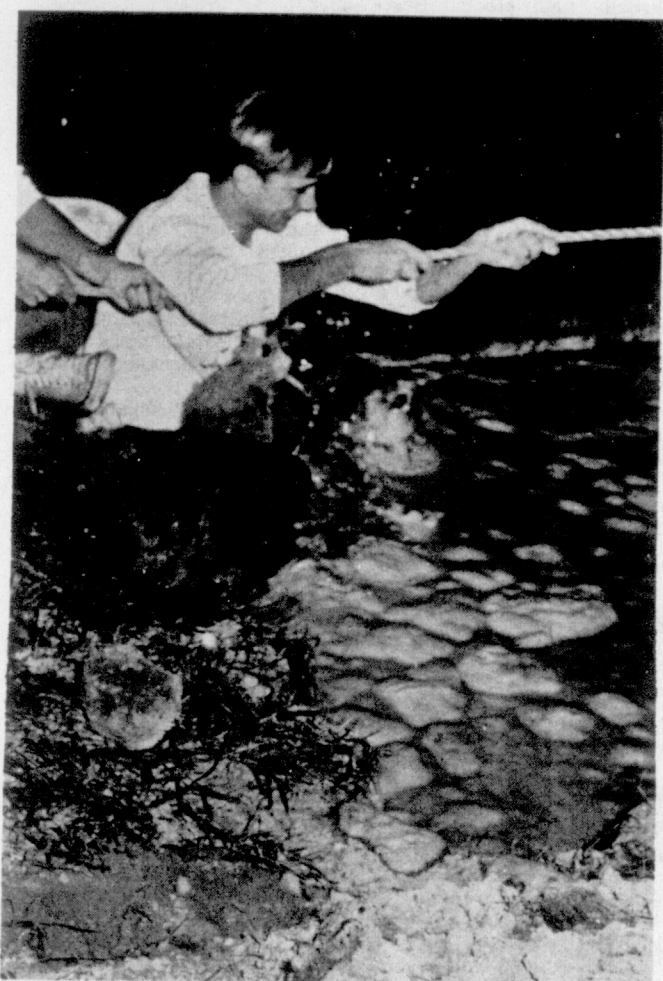




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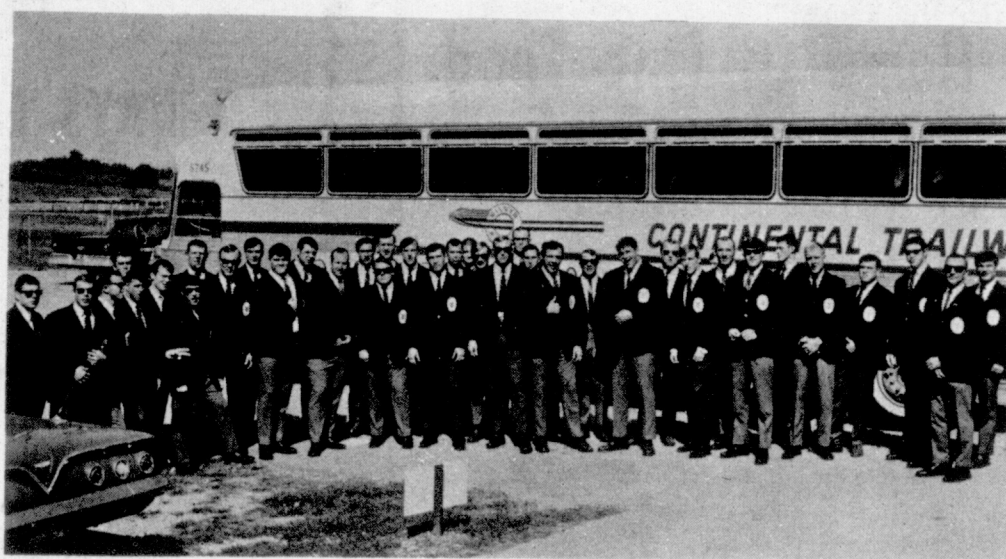


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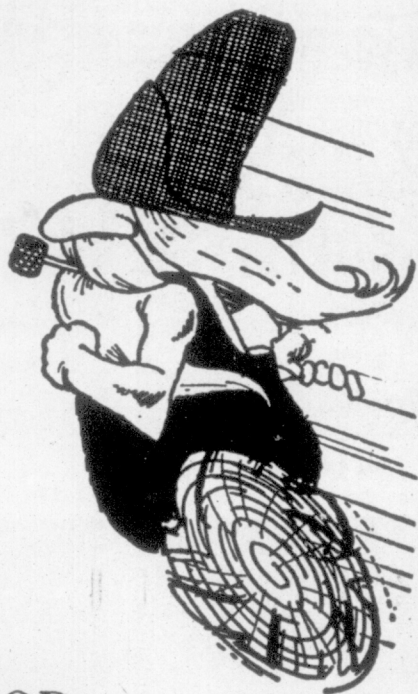




DREAM GIRL CHOSEN— Nelda Kennedy, a sophomore from Selmer, was selected as the 1969 Dream Girl at the Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl Ball Saturday.

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## Greeks On Campus

### ADPi

Alpha Delta Pi's annual Founder's Day Banquet was held last week at the Gateway Restaurant.

LINDA DUNCAN was elected "The Ideal ADPi." Delta Upsilon's returning president Janet Kee and the graduating seniors were also recognized.

Diamond Day was Saturday. Phi Sigma Kappa won the competition.

### AOPI

Tau Omicron chapter held its annual Red Rose Ball Saturday night at the Student Center Ballroom.

THE TRIBESMEN from Memphis provided the music. Graduating seniors were installed as alumnae Sunday, and a party was held for Tau Omicron's newly-elected big brothers and the other nominees.

### Phi Mu Alpha

Two honorary members were initiated plus two

pledges, into Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Sunday night.

HONORARY MEMBERS initiated are Jerry (Butch) Adkerson, Manager of the Memphis Mudd, and Don Wilson, Director of Martin High School Band.

The two pledges initiated are Ronnie Farbman, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Ken Porter from Memphis.

### PIKA

In a special election last week, Nelda Kennedy was elected Dream Girl of Pi Kappa Alpha.

HER OFFICIAL duties begin this summer as president of the recently formed PIKA Little Sisters.

Brother Jimmy Harrison was elected Best Active for spring quarter, and Brother Bob Barksdale was elected Best Pledge of Winter Quarter.

THE EPSILON Sigma Chapter elected the following girls as

Little Sisters: Mrs. Gail Reese, Mrs. Susan Sanderfer, Mrs. Paula Corbitt, Nelda Kennedy, Kay Carol Barton, Becky Beasley, Jennie Pinkston, Diane Hall, Barbara Barnett, Belinda King, and Carol Giardina.

Officers elected for fall and winter quarters are President, Danny McFall; Vice President, Johnny Walker; Secretary, David Lee; Pledge Master, Glenn "Bama" Stephens; and Ronnie "Chief" Dane was elected to the Executive Council.

THE CHAPTER won second place in the IFC track meet last week.

### ZTA

Pam Ann Spikes Baird, an alumna, received the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation Scholarship Thursday night.

NELDA KENNEDY was crowned the 1969-70 Pike Dream Girl at the Dream Girl Ball.

### Company G

#### Takes First In Field Day

The Military Science Department completed the academic year Thursday with a field day at the football stadium.

APPROXIMATELY 450 cadets participated in eight events which included a tug-of-war and an egg toss.

Company "G," under Cadet Captain Gayle Percival, placed first in the day's events with 55 points, followed by Company I, led by Cadet Captain Larry Clifton with 51 points.

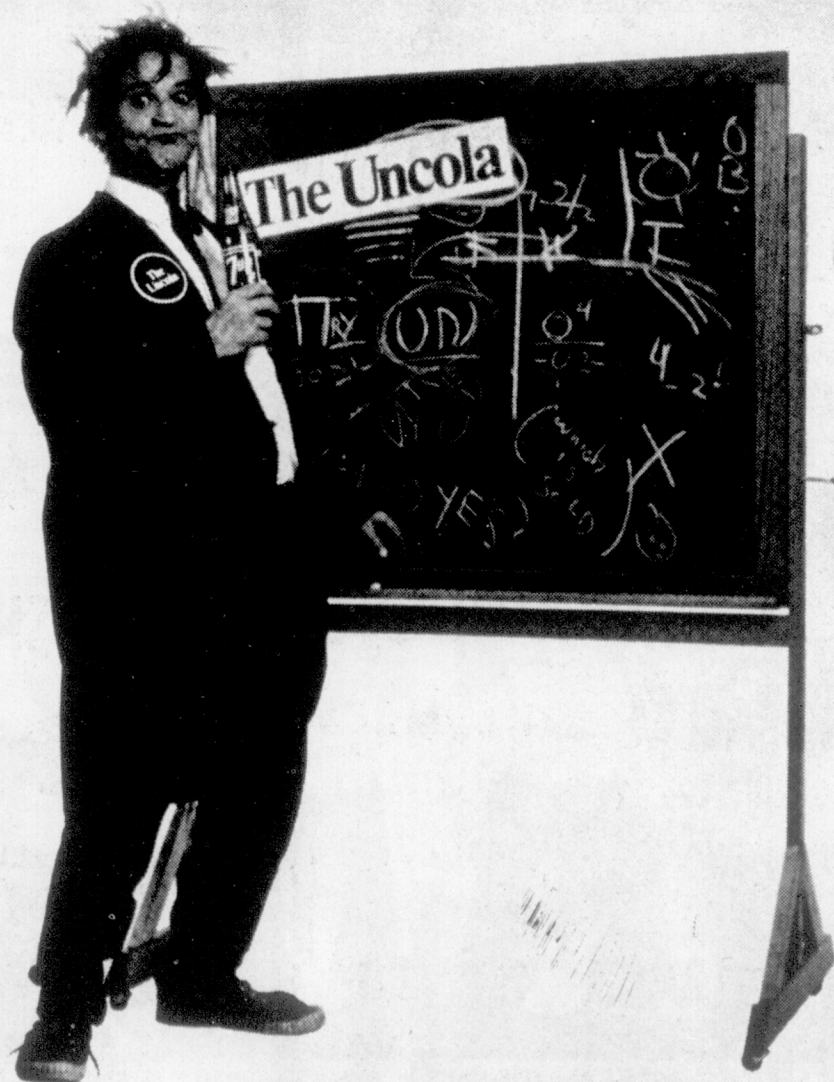
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He was master of his own ship, but once he was a cabin boy.

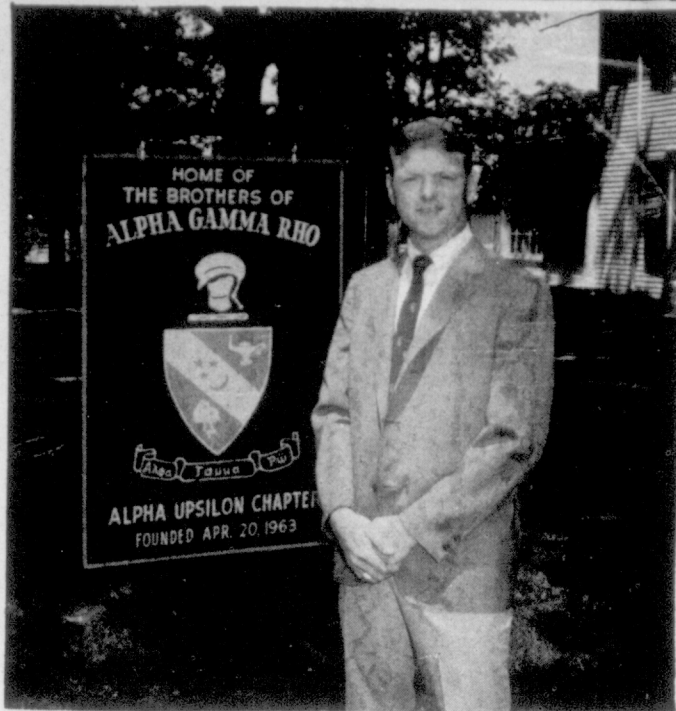
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**PERSONALLY DESIGNED SIGN**—John K. Springer proudly poses with the sign he helped design for his fraternity. John, a senior who is the Election Commission chairman, is this week's characture personality.

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The rodeo team will host a four-day university Tennessee intercollegiate rodeo at the Golden Sun Horse Ranch east of Greenfield Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## Characture

by Jay West

"I'm aiming for a better than average income and involvement in a lot of activities. I want a little bit of everything in a proper balance." This is John K. Springer's aim and he is preparing himself for this role now with his constant interest in people and a 2.7 average.

WHEN SPRINGER CAME to UTM four years ago from Grand Junction, he was lost. Alpha Gamma Rho gave him direction when he pledged as a freshman.

"The fraternity has been the greatest effect on my life," he said, and living at the AGR house, he has learned brotherhood, responsibility, and involvement.

"LOTS OF STUDENTS go home on weekends and they don't get involved. There is something about being with your fraternity brothers that develops in you an interest," Springer commented.

And the 22-year-old senior is interested. He has been the chairman of the social committee and sports committee for AGR, coached ZTA baseball for two years in a row, and has been a member of the Agriculture Club for four years. He worked with the beauty pageant committee getting ads, scholarships, and wardrobes, and has been in his fraternity's "All-Sing" group for four years.

HE IS NOW in advanced ROTC as a company commander and is a member of the Scabbard and Blade, a military honor fraternity.

Last week, at the student

government retreat Springer was selected the outstanding representative. This year he was the election commission chairman after working on this committee for two years.

LAST WINTER, because he is involved in student activities, he was honored as one of 16 Campus Leaders.

He went with the "Up With People" troupe last Christmas for two weeks, and besides seeing much of the mid-south, he gained valuable insight into people.

"AS SOON AS we came to a place, the people became friendly because they knew we were friendly," Springer said.

After he is graduated in December, he has three months before he has to report to Fort Bliss, Texas, for Air Defense Artillery School. He would like to spend this time with "Up With People" or with the Soil Conservation Service, for whom he has worked for two summers.

WHEN HE GETS out of the Army, he plans to go to graduate school for work in personnel or Public Relations. Springer said, "I would like to work with people and to be able to know character after a few moments conversation."

"You can't explain the true meaning of brotherhood because the word is used too much," he said when I asked him about his fraternity. It seems he has found a way to explain brotherhood without words—he lives for other people.

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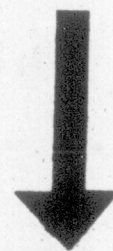
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## Banquet Honors Athletes

Fifteen athletes received awards at the All Sports Banquet Thursday.

FOOTBALL AWARDS WENT to tailback Tommy Baker of Memphis, best offensive back; tackle Mike Coffron of Saginaw, Michigan, best offensive lineman; tackle Julian Nunamaker of Manning, South Carolina, best defensive lineman, and monsterman Tom McKelvy of Camden, best defensive back.

Carl Summers of Macon, Georgia, sophomore guard, was named the most improved player for his performance in 1969 spring drills.

THE MOST Valuable Player Award in basketball went to All-VSAC center Mike Rudolph of Noble, Illinois. The 6'5" senior also received an award for the most rebounds during the 1969 season.

Other basketball award winners were Don McDonald of Urbana, Illinois, highest field goal percentage; Joe Lowry of Louisville, Kentucky, best free throw percentage, and Darrell Wilson of Calhoun, Kentucky, best defensive player.

VOTED MOST valuable players by their teammates in spring sports were Chris Robinson of Nashville, women's tennis team; Dennis Taylor of Lawrenceburg, men's tennis team; Roger Cooksey of Memphis, golf; Tommy Beck of Memphis,

track and field; and Steve Steele of Mansfield, Ohio, baseball. Steele also received the top batter award.

## Bible Scholars

(Continued from Page 1)

should not be too far in the distant future, probably by the year 2000 A.D. Since the atomic bomb has been developed, Dr. Graham says in World Aflame, that "our world has not been the same. We entered a new era of history -- perhaps the last era."

Why do these scholars believe that the end of the world will come soon? Bible scholars base their conclusions on many prophecies which have been fulfilled, and especially those recently fulfilled, or coming true at the present time. The most notable prophecies these scholars refer to are the success of Israel's fight against the Arab nations, the ecumenical church movement, and the uniting of the European nations into a single organization.

THOUGH MOST OF the descriptions of future events are told in the book of Revelation and in the Gospel writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, almost every book of the Bible has at least one specific reference to the end of the world.

Dr. Strauss explains that "we are at the converging of the ages. One age seems to be disappearing and a new age is about to appear. The great event

which will mark the transition is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to gather all true Christians to heaven to be with Himself. This event we call the Rapture of the Church."

AFTER THE RAPTURE will come the "Great Tribulation" (Matthew 24:21), or the "Seventieth Week" of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:27).

The tribulation is pictured by the late Bible scholar Dr. M. R. De Haan as a period "of such unprecedented violence, destruction, bloodshed, war, and suffering, that Jesus describes it as: '... such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be' (Matt. 24:21). Dr. De Haan writes that only those have been unfaithful to God will go through the tribulation. All those who have done as God has commanded will leave the earth before it begins (I Thess. 4:16, 17).

The formation of the state of Israel in 1947 after approximately 2550 years of captivity by many different nations, and Israel's capturing of Jerusalem in the six day Arab-Israeli War of 1967 fulfill Luke's prophecy. These political moves are chief reason many Bible authorities believe that the end of the world is near.

A NOTED BIBLE authority, Richard W. De Hann, has commented in his Israel and the Nations in Prophecy about the war.

"In the Arab-Israeli war of 1967 the Jews regained possession of old Jerusalem, the section which Jordan had held up to that time, and took control of the site where the temple once stood," De Haan quoted Luke as writing, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

THE TIME OF the Gentiles

began when Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem about 600 B.C. De Haan states that the time of the Gentiles is over since Israel now controls Jerusalem; and, as a result, "... the rapture of the Church is also imminent, and therefore could take place at any moment."

That Russia is allied with Egypt is another reason for the "world ending soon" philosophy of many scholars.

"AT THE TIME of the end shall the king of the south push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind..." (Daniel 11:40). The descriptions of the countries of the north are given in Ezekiel 38, where there is a reference of a nation from Rosh.

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost in his book Things to Come says that the identification of Rosh as modern Russia would seem to be well authenticated and generally accepted. Concerning the king of the south, Dr. Pentecost states that "evidently, this King of the south is allied with the King of the North, for they simultaneously invade Palestine (Daniel 11:40).

THERE IS general agreement among interpreters that the King of the South has reference to Egypt, inasmuch as Egypt is frequently referred to as the land to the South in Scripture, the author continues.

The ecumenical movement is also a foretold prophecy regarding the end of the world. Dr. Strauss states that the ecumenical church movement, started several years ago by Pope John will appear as a world organization soon.

"THE HARLOT of Revelation 17 is the great super-church of the last days," Strauss writes. According to the Scriptures of Revelation 17, the world church will be corrupt.

Haan states that the Biblical picture of this great ecclesiastical system is found in Revelation 17. The world church is presented as a woman "guilty of illicit relations with the kings of the earth, and of killing the saints. On her forehead she bears a name: '...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH' (Revelation 17:5).

THIS IS THE ecumenical church of the tribulation period, ecclesiastical Babylon. The identification is certain by virtue of the title -- 'Babylon the Great...' The term Babylon in this reference points to a commercial or religious system called Babylonianism, and in this context the religious aspect is being considered, De Haan continues.

The strong tendency of the Western European nations to join forces could have a great deal to do with a "revival of the Roman empire" in the last days of the world.

DR. STRAUSS points out that a Washington columnist predicted that "within nine years we will witness a coherent, full functioning United States of Europe." German economist Walter Hallstein said, "Make no mistake about it. We are not in business; we are in politics. We are building the United States of Europe."

Dr. Strauss indicates that in the second chapter of Daniel a version is given to Nebuchadnezzar of the great image, a prophetic fore view of "The time of the Gentiles." He goes on to say about the vision, "The multi-metallic image represented nations."

ACCORDING TO Dr. Pentecost, the parts of the image are four great Gentile nations: the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Graeco-Macedonian, and the Roman empires. Dr. Strauss reminds that there is no reference to a fifth empire.

"No enemy from without ever destroyed Rome," Dr. Strauss said. "She fell apart because she was morally corrupt and filthy within. So wrote Gibbon in his classic, The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the revived Roman empire, Strauss commented, is that from this "United States of Europe" will come the Anti-Christ, or world leader of the tribulation period. The Anti-Christ will be corrupt and lead the world from God (Revelations 13:1-10).

Dr. Pentecost states that the coming world leader rises from the Roman empire, since he is a ruler of the people who destroyed Jerusalem (Dan. 9:26), and is the head of Satan's lawless system (II Thess. 2:3).



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